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## SUMMARY

This Policy and Procedure shall clarify the position of the HFEMSD (Division) concerning school-based health clinics and life safety code requirements.

## BACKGROUND

Section 25-1.5-103, C.R.S. (2009) does not require the Department of Public Health and Environment to license school based clinics. The Department is, however, required to license community clinics and ensure their compliance with the standards established in 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter IX. To the extent that a community clinic desires to operate a school based clinic or a school based clinic desires to be licensed as a community clinic, the Department may exempt it from compliance with the Life Safety Code and Plan Review requirements set forth in Chapter IX, Sections 13.8 and 13.9 upon a showing by the applicant or licensee that the school-based location has been inspected and approved by the local fire department and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety or its designee within the last 18 months.

## POLICY

Sections 24-33.5-124 and 23-71-122, C.R.S. (2009) establish the authority and duty of the Colorado Division of Fire Safety to conduct and oversee the necessary plan review, issue building permits, and cause the necessary inspections to be performed as required by the adopted codes for building and structures of public schools, institute charter schools, charter schools, and junior colleges, as well as establishing the authority of the local fire department or the Division of Fire Safety to inspect buildings and structures of a school district when necessary to assure that they are maintained in accordance with the adopted codes. Sections 24-33.5-1213.3 and 1211 also allow the Division of Fire Safety to certify other persons to conduct building code or fire code plan reviews and inspections of schools.

If a school based clinic desires to be licensed as a community clinic and request exemption from compliance with Chapter IX, Sections 13.8 and 13.9, it must notify the Department in writing 10 days prior to its anticipated operational date along with a copy of any requisite permits. The applicant shall also provide the Department with a copy of its certificate of occupancy within 10 days of receipt. To continue the request for exemption the school based clinic shall, at the time of its license renewal, submit documentation showing:

1. That the school-based location has been inspected within the last 18 months by the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety or its designee,
2. That all identified fire, electrical, mechanical, or building code deficiencies have been corrected in a manner acceptable to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety or its designee, and
3. That the clinic is operating with the full acceptance/approval by the local fire department and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety or its designee. Full acceptance/approval means without conditions, alterations or waivers of the adopted code.

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